

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 213

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Dr. Christopher Spencer Greeley for his estimable service on the Child Abuse Prevention Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those venerable physicians who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Spencer Greeley, M.D., is one such estimable physician who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Greeley earned his undergraduate degree from Hobart College in Geneva, New York, where he majored in Biology and Religious Studies; he received his medical degree from the University of Virginia in 1992 and completed his internship and residency in pediatrics at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, he spent three years in private practice in Franklin, before returning to Vanderbilt University and its Division of General Pediatrics in 1998; Dr. Greeley is board certified in pediatrics and his main clinical interests lie in newborn medicine and preventing child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christopher Greeley has rendered astute service as the Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Director of both the Child Maltreatment Program and the Newborn Nursery at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee and beyond, Dr. Christopher Greeley is considered the leader in the field on child abuse and neglect; his commitment to preventing child abuse as a member of the Board of Directors of Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA) can only be described as extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Greeley is renowned for his service to this State as a member of Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee's (PCAT) Board of Directors; his work with PCAT facilitated the

collaboration of two models of child abuse prevention, Nurses for Newborns and Healthy Families America. In addition, his expertise has been used to develop PCAT's recommendations to this General Assembly on legislation regarding children and families, which resulted in the passage of pre-K legislation, changes to sexual predator laws, and new legislation protecting those experiencing family violence; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving on the PCAT Board of Directors, Dr. Christopher Greeley also serves on the Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocates Board of Directors and the State Juvenile Justice Task Force and served on the Governor's TennCare Advisory Committee, the Child Preventive Services Reform Committee, and the Department of Children's Services' Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his child abuse prevention efforts, Dr. Greeley was honored by the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds and the American Academy of Pediatrics with the prestigious 2006 Ray E. Helfer, M.D., Award; the award is presented to one pediatrician in the country who contributes to primary and secondary child abuse and who is actively involved in a Children's Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christopher Greeley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially honored for his unrivaled efforts on behalf of child protection; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that Christopher Spencer Greeley M.D. be recognized and commended for his invaluable efforts in positively impacting the lives of families and children in Tennessee and throughout the nation. We extend our deepest gratitude for his noteworthy service as a member of the Child Abuse Prevention Advisory Committee and wish him all the best in his new post at the University of Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.